

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Lost Money Found

On the evening of Sunday, November 28, Pizza Barn owner Cynthia Schneider closed her restaurant and went out to her car carrying a number of items, including a bag containing "a significant amount" of cash. Somehow, in the confusion of transferring her belongings into her car, Schneider lost the bag, but was unaware that she had done so. She drove off, leaving the bag lying in the parking lot near the street.

A little later, the bag was seen by local resident Chrystal Case, who was on her way to Meijer along with daughters Jennifer and Jessica. The three recovered the bag and delivered it to Officer Dan Czajkowski at the Romulus Police Department. Czajkowski then returned it to Schneider.

"Every penny of the money was still there," said a grateful Schneider. "I want to commend the honesty of the Case family and Officer Czajkowski."

### Court Meeting Evokes Exchange of Ideas

On Tuesday, November 9, a large group of attorneys stayed late at the 34th District Court in Romulus to meet with Judges Tina Brooks Green, Brian A. Oakley, and William J. Szlinis. The bench/bar conference, which lasted for more than two hours, was set up at the request of Judge Oakley to promote an exchange of information and ideas.

"As a new judge, I try to get feedback from as many sources as possible," he explained. "This was a great opportunity to interact informally with the attorneys that frequent our court."

Whether any changes will result from the meeting remains to be seen, but the Court staff is hopeful.

"We heard a number of good ideas and made a lot of suggestions to the attorneys," said Judge Green. "Communication is the key and this was a great start. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event." □

## Committee Gathers Ideas for New School

Members of the Romulus Community Schools' New Elementary School Committee recently visited a number of other districts to glean ideas that could be of use as they formulate plans for the construction of the district's new elementary school. The schools were:

- Cornerstone School (a K-2 elementary) in Dexter,
- Pierce Lake Elementary (designed for K-5) in Chelsea, and
- Woodlands (grades 2-4) and Heritage (grades 5-6) elementaries in Saline.

Some of the unique features found at these schools include:

### Cornerstone

- large classrooms with bathrooms in each room;
- an outdoor area – accessible from the media center, art, and music rooms – for outdoor activities and instruction; and
- two pods of classrooms extending out from the common areas.

### Pierce Lake

- an outdoor wildlife sanctuary which features a wetland area that students can use for experiments, observations, projects, etc.

### Woodland Meadows and Heritage

- a large cafeteria and gymnasium with folding doors that can be opened to create more spacious areas for big gatherings (both schools);
- a stage that can be closed off with folding doors (both schools);
- cafeteria tables that, when separated, become benches for assemblies and other events (Heritage); and
- classroom dividers that can be opened up for joint-class projects (Heritage).

Among the Committee members who visited the Dexter, Chelsea, and Saline schools were Billy McCraight, Board of Education Trustee; Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Principals Debbie Juriga (Wick) and Lynne Mossoian (Halecreek); maintenance staff members Don Makowski and Matt McGrane; and Halecreek parent Patty Stewart. The group was assisted by Sarah Haselschwardt and Sylvia Kowalk, members of the Kingscott Associates architectural firm of Kalamazoo, who were on hand to make notes about items of interest that could be considered during the planning of the new elementary. □



Members of the New Elementary Committee – including (from left) Patty Stewart (Halecreek School parent), Debbie Juriga (Principal, Wick School), Joel Carr (Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations), and Billy McCraight (Board of Education Trustee) – recently visited Dexter's Cornerstone Elementary School. The group was looking for ideas that could be incorporated into the district's plans for its own new school.

## EDS Wins Another Court Ruling

By Kristi Stephens

In a ruling issued November 29, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Peter D. Houk upheld an agreement which grants Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), a Part 625 permit for its proposed hazardous-waste injection wells on Citrin Drive in Romulus, and allows the company to continue its pursuit of an above-ground treatment and storage facility at the same site.

When EDS first applied for a Part 625 well permit for Citrin Drive, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) denied the application, determining that there was no need for a Citrin Drive well because EDS's existing well on Wahrman Road was *potentially* usable – even though its operation was blocked by a Wayne County Circuit Court injunction. (A recent State of Michigan Court of Appeals ruling removed that injunction, but the matter is not yet settled because the City of Romulus has filed a motion for reconsideration.)

Eventually, EDS and the DEQ entered into a Stipulation and Consent Agreement that allowed EDS to resume its pursuit of a Citrin Drive facility. Attor-

neys for the City of Romulus challenged the agreement on a number of points, including whether or not it represented an arbitrary and unlawful change of the agency's former position that only one well site is needed. However, Houk ruled that the DEQ has not changed its position at all, since the agreement also included a provision that prevents EDS from operating more than one well facility in Wayne County, and requires EDS to permanently plug any well that will not be used.

It is not yet known whether the City will attempt any further appeal of Judge Houk's decision.

### SRB Continues Deliberations

In the meantime, the state's Site Review Board – appointed to consider the merits of EDS's application for an above-ground facility on Citrin Drive – held its second meeting on November 29. The DEQ estimates that about 520 people attended the meeting, which was devoted to public comment on the proposed project.

The Board's next meeting will be held at Romulus High School on Thursday, December 16, at 7 p.m. □



# Letter to the Editor

## Reader Thinks Romulus Police Officers Should Be Discharged, Not Suspended

Dear Good People:

Common sense, logic, and reason, constrained by moral outrage, compel me to write and respectfully disagree with Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby on his decision to temporarily suspend the four still-unnamed Romulus police officers who were caught "loitering" at a "blind pig" during a recent police raid.

While a three-week, unpaid suspension would be a just recompense in some situations, it is neither fitting nor proper in our present case. It is weak, shallow, and misguided. It sends a twisted message and leaves in its wake a wave of distortion and confusion. To me, the only and obvious solution is a dismissal with no chance to ever be involved in the honorable profession of law enforcement again. My reasons are as follows.

First, let us understand the situation placed before us. Unfortunately, but alas, predictably, the Romulus Police Department is doing what "secret societies" do when faced with trouble – it's protecting its own. Sadly, there is an "us vs. them" mind-set. So, while we don't have all the facts, whose fault is that?

We don't need all the facts to understand this simple premise: "blind pigs," as they are aptly named (remember the old commercial, "Why do you think they call it 'dope'?"), are places that are full of wickedness and evil behavior. Even those who frequent them will tell you that. These houses of ill repute are perfect examples of the basest instincts of a society. Activities so shameful that they have to be done in darkness, in secret places. Things like prostitution, drug addiction, gambling, drunkenness . . . you get the idea.

All these activities, if allowed to proliferate, would destroy our society. There would be no sexual responsibility, love, families, sobriety, wealth, and spiritual vitality. Instead, we would have disease, despair, emptiness, and death. There is no neutral ground here.

And in this dark world of sin and unlawfulness, what do we find? Why, four Romulus policemen! Men who have sworn an oath to not simply enforce the law (they love that part), but to uphold the law. To defend with their very lives our state and federal constitutions. This was the contract they willingly entered into with us, the citizens. Nobody forced them into it.

And nobody forced them to visit that "blind pig" on that fateful night, either. They chose to go there. They

thought about it, schemed, planned it out. And it wasn't just one man who went; there were four men who decided to pay a visit. A cord of four strands should not be easily broken! And yet these four "men in blue" had the strength of character of a piece of thread.

There is something terribly scary about people who want to be police officers, but who enjoy an environment of illegality and desire to spend their free time around unlawful activities – don't you think? Aren't people like this spiritually and psychologically impaired? I mean, if you hate to be around people, would you go into sales? If you dread children, would you choose to be a parent? If you fear heights, would you become a rock climber? Of course not! That would be irrational, you say. But that is what these four men wish. They want to "catch" lawbreakers and then, later on, participate in their unlawful behavior. And Chief Kirby is granting their wish to remain police officers. That's just not right.

Think about this. Have these four "mystery men" written citations? Conducted investigations? Discovered evidence? Written reports? Testified in court? How many people do you think have been convicted of some "crime" based on the testimony, evidence, citation, or report of one of these officers? Do you have confidence that these men would speak the truth and hold to the truth at all costs? Didn't think so.

These four unnamed officers are so arrogant, conceited, and shameless that they gave no thought to injuring the many good men and women in the Romulus Police Department. Men and women who view themselves as peace officers; who want to pursue serious crime; who want to become knowledgeable about the law; who are slow to anger; who desire to protect the rights of the citizenry; who are good friends, husbands, wives, mothers, and fathers. The quiet heroes, reluctant to use their authority. These men and women who have worked so hard to do good have been stained and tarnished by the flagrant hypocrisy of four men who have no self-control, but instead desire to control others. But the good and true police officers of Romulus can be washed of their unjust blemish by publicly denouncing the actions and character of their delinquent brethren and request, in writing, their permanent removal from the force by Chief Kirby. Courage demands nothing less.

So, what does the future hold? From what I've seen so far, it doesn't look promising. I believe that, right now, the "powers that be" are concocting their "story." You know, they were invited to this party by a friend, and they had no idea that this type of activity would be taking place, and by the time they realized what was going on, the cops broke in and raided the place. Or, they made a stupid mistake. Or, it was a setup. Remember this, friends: whatever their story, if you or I give the same story, we go to jail!

You can also bet that the prosecutor is quietly working out a deal. No standing before a judge; there's not enough evidence here. I wonder if the four officers have to pay for their own attorneys?

Do you think any of those officers had to submit to any drug or alcohol testing? I mean, they were right smack dab in the middle of illegal drinking and narcotics activity. Probable cause was

definitely in existence. You know they would have screened you or me if we were in their shoes. Do you think that maybe those in authority were too fearful of what they might discover?

Or maybe these four officers won't be booted off the force because they know of others, maybe many others, possibly higher-ups, who also love to dabble in wicked, unlawful behavior during their "free time." Does this sound like a possibility to you?

I'm sorry, Chief Kirby, but I'm not buying any apples off this cart. Too many things are shrouded in secrecy. There's too much eagerness to protect the guilty. To make excuses. Those types of responses don't inspire a whole lot of confidence in me.

There's a whole plethora of fine, outstanding men and women out there who would make excellent police officers. Why should they be deprived of a lifelong dream to protect four losers?

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## Guest Commentary

### "Sham-paign" Finance Reform

By Representative Mike Hanley, House  
Democratic Leader

Whenever a statewide or national election draws near, media attention and public interest focuses on the outrageous sums of money spent on campaigns. These amounts keep escalating year after year, with no end in sight. Although most citizens do not contribute to political campaigns, the impact of money in politics cannot be underestimated. The agenda in Lansing this year has been dominated by tax breaks for the rich and giveaways to corporations that put the Republicans in power last November with millions of dollars in campaign contributions.

In recent weeks, House Republicans passed what can only be called "sham-paign" finance reform legislation. Instead of dealing with the real problem of big money, the Republicans aimed their guns at a straw man: bingo. Throughout Michigan, politicians and local political parties use bingo to raise funds in small amounts (under \$25). Since most, though not all, of the bingos are run by Democrats, Republicans tried to ban political bingo in 1996. The voters of Michigan overwhelmingly rejected this partisan attempt to shut out small contributors, but the party of special interests and big money is at it again.

The Republicans are trying to ban bingo by using something called "first penny reporting." Under current law, if you make a contribution of \$20 or less, the contribution has to be reported, but not your name and address. This allows a candidate to sell bumper stickers or campaign buttons, or run a small-stakes bingo, without keeping track of everyone who buys a one-dollar button or a fifty-cent bingo card. Republicans want the Secretary of State to have the name and address of everyone in Michigan who plays political bingo or buys a bumper sticker.

The sad thing is that Republicans had an opportunity to deal with the real problem of the corrupting influence of big money. However, Betsy DeVos, chair of the Michigan Republican Party, brags that her family is the number-one contributor of "soft money" in the country. "Soft money" is the millions of dollars that DeVos and other billionaires contribute in unlimited amounts to the Republican Party every year. The party turns around and gives the money to Republican candidates, making a sham of the laws that restrict how much one person or political action committee can give to individual candidates.

My colleagues and I will continue our efforts toward true campaign finance reform, including limiting soft-money contributions to \$50,000 and expanding disclosure requirements for committees which accept soft money; requiring electronic filing of campaign finance reports for candidates for state elective office whose committees take in or spend more than \$20,000; extending reporting requirements to political web sites; requiring public disclosure of contributions to foundations affiliated with politicians; and requiring candidates for state elective office to publicly file a financial disclosure statement listing income, assets, and liabilities, or furnish a copy of their income tax return.

The contrast between the two approaches is stark. Democrats want to limit the power of big money. Republicans want to harass bingo players. Which party stands for real campaign finance reform?

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- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Special guests for the evening will be Police Chief Charles Kirby and other members of the Romulus Police Department, who will be on hand to discuss subjects such as community policing, neighborhood watch, youth mentoring, and the enforcement of seat-belt laws. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **PWP Hosts Benefit Dance and Chinese Auction** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites the public to attend its Benefit Dance and Chinese Auction – a "fun(d)raising" event for Hospice of Michigan – to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads in Taylor) on Friday, December 10, beginning at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Membership VP George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Jack and the Beanstalk** – Romulus residents age three and over (children eight and under must be accompanied by an adult) are welcome to take part in the Romulus Recreation Department's trip to the Northville Theatre to see a live production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* on Saturday, December 11. The bus will depart from the Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. Preregistration is required. Call 734-942-6852 for more information.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on December 15) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Youtheatre Offers *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*** – Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (children ages seven and up; no one under five will be admitted to the theater) presentation of *Alexander* has been set for Saturday, December 18 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, December 19 (2 p.m.), at Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$9 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- **Attention, Class of 1950!** – Plans are in the works for the 50-year reunion of Romulus High School's Class of 1950. To find out more about how you can help plan this event, or to make suggestions about how it can be made the best reunion ever, call Donna (Rehkop) Genovese (734-941-0293) or Ruth (Stevenson) Meyers (734-941-0254), or contact Don Koza on line ([www.billygoat.id.com](http://www.billygoat.id.com)).
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #MI1690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- **Head Start Seeks Applicants** – Romulus Head Start is recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program, which is held at Beverly School. Head Start serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 734-334-1812.

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## Thanksgiving Feast Brings Together Seniors, Students



(From left) Margaret Maciejewski, Cheryl Blanton, Elizabeth Berry, and Kay Brewer took part in a Thanksgiving feast on November 17. It is hoped that such events will help bridge the gap between generations.

Thanks to a grant funded by the Michigan Community Service Commission, the Romulus Senior Center will be providing a number of opportunities for local youth to engage in senior companionship activities during the 1999-2000 school year. One such activity was a Thanksgiving feast held at Romulus Middle School on November 17.

In preparation for the event, Senior Center Director Linda Norman and several Middle School students went grocery shopping.

"It was a real learning experience for the students," explained Norman. "They're used to buying enough food for a family, but not for 200 people."

The meal was prepared and served by the Middle School students; Betty Santo, life-management instructor; and several local senior citizens. Musical entertainment was provided by Sylvia Dubisky, while the Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Joe Richardson, surprised the audience by bringing in a magician.

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The owners, Bobbi and Jerry Ballantyne, will be familiar to folks who attend the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, since the couple have been vendors at the event for the past three years. You might also recognize them from the Wayne County Fair, Monroe County Fair, or other area festivals.

"For the last six years, people have been asking us when we're going to open a store. Well, here it is!" said Bobbi. "Our goal is to give customers a nice choice of gifts at a price they can afford. You'll find that our slogan – 'Big City Quality at Small Town Prices' – is more than just words."

Bobbi says that she likes to do things to make shopping fun for her customers.

"We're always running some kind of promotion that gives customers the opportunity to win a gift certificate," she explained.

During the month of December, for example, there's a coloring contest for kids age 12 and under; everyone 13 and older can try to guess how many Christmas bulbs are in a particular jar. No purchase is necessary to participate. Details and entry forms are available in the store.

Bobbi and Jerry invite everyone to come by and say hello.

"Stop in and visit," said Jerry. "Sure enough, you'll see why we're called the 'Little Shop of Stuff.'" □

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## Letter: Officers Should Be Discharged

continued from page 2

Citizens of Romulus, be on your guard! Beware of the alibi of "They're just young bucks. You know how young men can be sometimes. They just showed a little youthful indiscretion, that's all. They promised it won't happen again." If you and I give the same alibi, we're prosecuted. Fined. Jailed. Cars and property confiscated. What do they get? A probationary period.

Don't you get it? These punks are fairly new to the force, according to what I've read. You give somebody with 20 years of spotless service a probationary period – not people who still are trying to prove themselves!

These jerks have already "proven" themselves. Let's see:

- they're immature and juvenile;
- they enjoy spending their leisure time around violations of the law;

- they violated their sacred trust and duty;
- they held themselves out as being upright and honorable, when they weren't (fraud);
- they have perverted the ways of justice;
- they have confused the minds of the young;
- they have maligned the reputations of noble men and women.

But, hey – they're only starting out. Let's see what *else* they can do!

Logic, common sense, and reason dictate that we take away their badges, clubs, handcuffs, and guns before some poor soul gets hurt. All the citizens of Romulus, police and civilians, deserve no less.

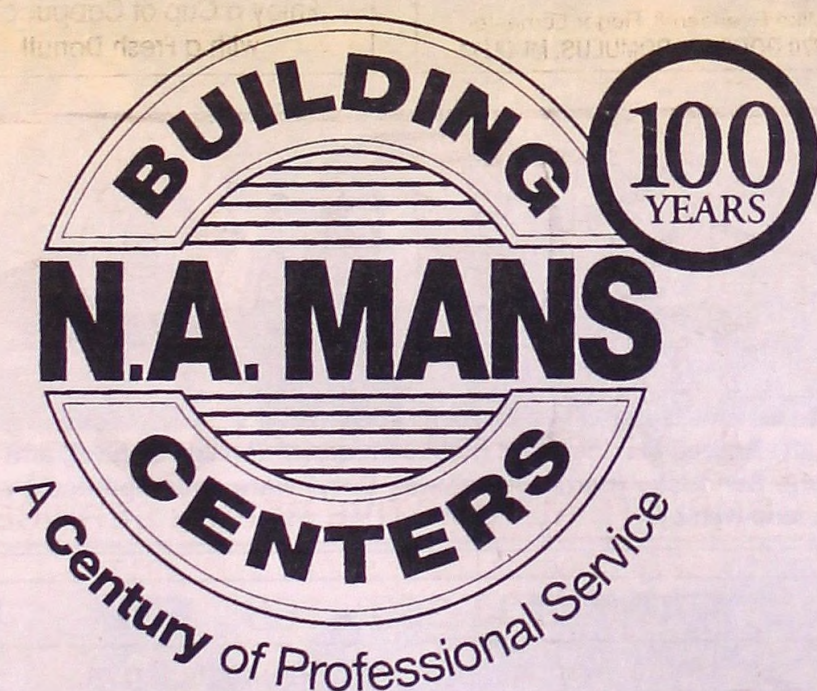
Sincerely,  
Michael A. Durtka  
Romulus ☐

## Barnes Is Capitol Scholar



On November 2, 1999, State Representative Raymond Basham invited students Amber Barnes (Romulus High School) and Christopher Douglas (Taylor Kennedy High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing for a firsthand lesson in government as "Capitol Scholars."

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### LOOKING FOR LOST CAT

Male cat, approx. 7 months old,  
with long, mostly gray fur (white  
chest and paws), was lost in the  
Goddard/Bibbins/Grant/Olive area  
on Halloween night.

Call 734-941-9324

## Santa's Mailbox

It's that time of year again . . .  
time for Romulus children to send  
their letters to Santa Claus via the  
special mailbox in front of the  
Romulus Public Library, located  
at 11121 Wayne Road (at God-  
dard, next to City Hall).

A spokesman for the Romu-  
lus Civic League (which has spon-  
sored the holiday institution for  
more than 20 years) promises that  
Santa will respond to all children  
who enclose their return mailing  
address.

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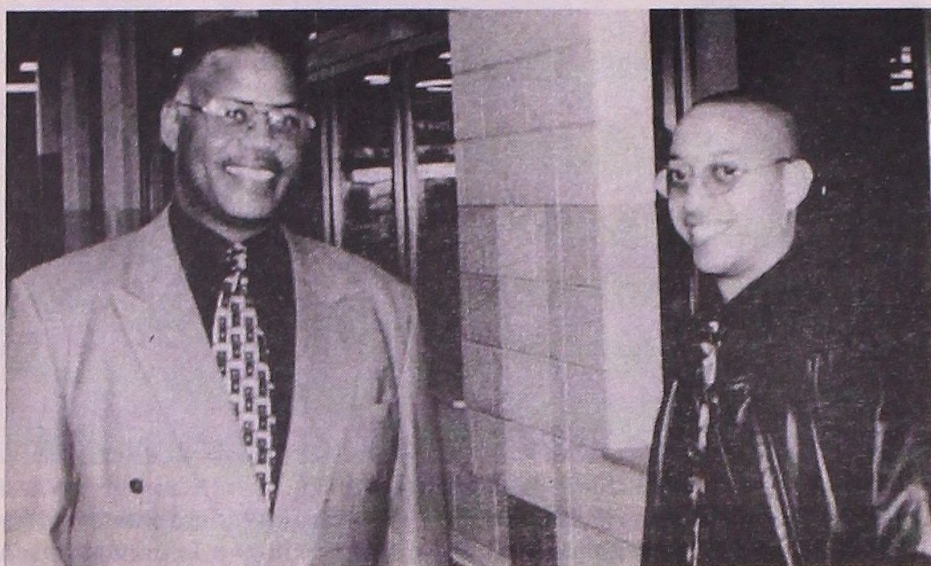
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# Educators Honored



Apple Award recipient Chris Smith (right), a sixth-grade teacher at Cory Elementary School, is congratulated by Michael Woods, Romulus Board of Education Vice-president, at the district's staff recognition program.



Among those on hand to present awards to the 81 district employees who were honored at the annual event were Romulus High School Principal Dan Hurst (left) and Romulus Middle School Principal Ed Clark.



Dr. William Bedell (right), Superintendent, attended the November 22 ceremony to recognize employees such as (from left) Gina Carter (intervention specialist, Merriman), Roxanne Kucharski (paraprofessional, Halecreek), and Bill Baum (physical education, Halecreek).



(Left) Retiree Maxine Reed (social studies/PPI, High School) and (right) Irene Sandusky (paraprofessional, Cory) were accompanied by friend Denise Kelsey.



Joining (from left) Serena Kessler (English, High School), Laura Sims (fifth grade, Cory), and Simone Miller (fifth grade, Cory) was Miller's mother, Melba Norman. Miller was one of many awardees who brought family members to share in the special evening.



Proud of (second from left) Apple Award recipient Cheryl Van Allen (first grade, Halecreek) were her husband Denny and daughter Heather (right), as well as Halecreek Principal Lynne Mossioian.



# at Apple Awards



Enjoying the festivities with (second from left) Robin Omev (secretary, Middle School) were (from left) her mother, Betsy Rothe; Russ McNamee, her daughter's boyfriend; daughter Hannah, son Jacob, and husband Russ.



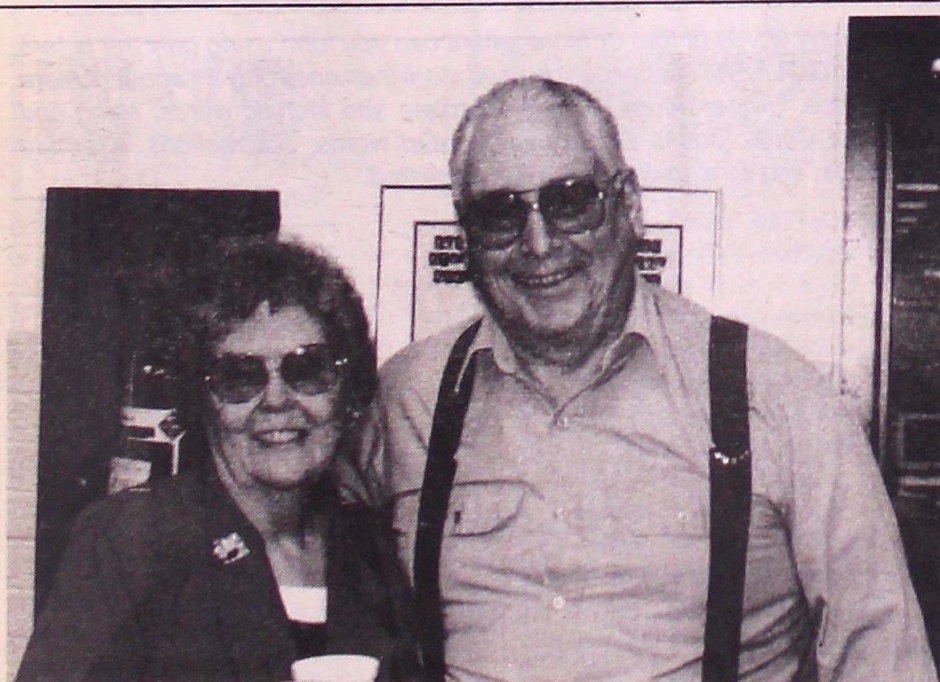
Among those present to honor Jennifer Richard (fifth grade, Wick) were (from left) Raymonde Richard, Diane Richard, John Richard, and Kristin Ritchie.



Retiree Bill Bradford (photography/video tech, High School) attended with his wife, Roberta.



Terri Brinston (health occupations, High School) was accompanied by her husband Terry.



Husband Norm was there to honor Nan Meyer (secretary, Halecreek).



Also in attendance were (from left) Cheryl Smith (media tech, Barth) and Denise Bills (student aide, Barth).



## RMS Students Recognized

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 36 students to receive the school's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavior and academic performance during the month of October.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement as well as a Romulus Middle School "Bulldogs" pencil and a "Bulldogs" pin.

Parents in attendance were given a "Bulldogs" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Principal Ed Clark would like to acknowledge the achievement of the following students.

### October Students of the Month

Charmaine Atkins, Lynette Bailey, Heather Bishop, Kenneth Booker, Brenden Boyd, Kelly Bunyak, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Stacy Coffey, Janice Colburn, Ebony Coleman, Jeremy Harris, Novella Haugabook, Shanell Hemphill, Corey King, Shaepree Lee, Jeremy Linderman, Rebecca Oros, LaJoya Orr, Michelle Patterson, Shawn Perkins, Joi Poole, Ariande Quates, Philip Roscoe, Cilia Sanchez, Kristina Scott, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jennifer Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Savannah VanKeuren, Cherie Wharton, James White, LaShonda Whitehead, Sarah Williams, and Keshia Wright. □



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for October.

## RHS Students Recognized

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 56 students to receive October's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

RHS Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to congratulate the following "Students of the Month" for October.

### October Students of the Month

Caleb Beasley, Kenneth Belcher, Kitty L. Bittenbender, John Bittenbender, Vanity Boyd, Jodi Bright, David Brugh, Gina Clark, Andrea Deline, Joshua Durden, Tanya Fehrenbach, Leroy Garrett, Tommy Gebo, Sarah Gray, Jerome Gray, Marie Hall, Stephen Harper, Tiffani Hoch, Jennifer Hoffman, Dawn Holton, Aisha Hubbard, Warren Hubbard, Amy Hudson, James Jackson, Scott Kennedy, Kara-Jo Kraft, Tiairra Lang, Ruby Lee, Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Ryan Martell, Chris Middlebrooks, Crystal Mincovsky, David Moomaw, Devon Mootry, Jesse Morris, Sean Mullins, Bryant

Murphy, Jerome Nelson, Larry Odom, Brandon Olson, Leslie Perez, Antoinette Price, Peter Proctor, Joseph Reed, Kathryn Rushlow, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Na'eem Shareer, Laketia Shelton, Aisha Siddiqui, Charles Thompson, Rhoda Walton, Richardo Ward, Patrick Webb, and Angela Zajac.

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## CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

You might not have known our "mystery woman" when this picture was taken, but her adult face is familiar to many people in the City of Romulus.

To learn her identity, anagram (rearrange) each "key word" below – WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE LETTER – to answer the corresponding clue, and fill in the blanks accordingly.

If the puzzle is done correctly, the added letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out the name of this prominent local citizen.



### ADD THE LETTER . . . TO THE LETTERS IN . . . TO GET

- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . SONAR . . . great oaks from little \_\_\_\_\_ grow \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . CARVED . . . subject for dissection \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . PAST . . . Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (he ate no fat) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . PANTING . . . profoundly moving or touching \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . GAMIN . . . make untrue statements about (someone) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . MATTERS . . . James Hoffa was one \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . LEAF . . . moral-teaching vehicle for Aesop \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . ISLES . . . TV Timmie's collie companion \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . MESA . . . it's the capital of Oregon \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . STABLE . . . Richard Starkey was one of them \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . BALM . . . *The Silence of the* \_\_\_\_\_ (Thomas Harris novel) \_\_\_\_\_

For solution, see page 11

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "GOLFER"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters found in GOLFER? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 14 words can be found on page 11



## RHS Boys' Basketball

### VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY

- Ann Arbor Pioneer at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Tue., Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti Lincoln at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Jan. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Fri., Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Tue., Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Airport Carleton (Tue., Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m.)



### FRESHMEN

- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge I at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville II (Tue., Jan. 11, 3:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Tue., Jan. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville I at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Tue., Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 28, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge I (Tue., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville II at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Tue., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville I (Tue., Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.)

## RHS Boys' Wrestling

### VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY

- Romulus at Allen Park (Sat., Dec. 4, 8:00 a.m.)
- Romulus at Hartland Trn. (V) (Sat., Dec. 11, 8:00 a.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville Trn. (JV) (Sat., Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Thurs., Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale Trn. (JV) (Sat., Dec. 18, TBA)
- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 6, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Eaton Rapids (Sat., Jan. 8, TBA)
- Monroe and Adrian at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 13, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus Royal Invit. (Sat., Jan. 15, 8:00 a.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Thurs., Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville Invit. (Sat., Jan. 22, TBA)
- Romulus at Carlson (Thurs., Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Battle Creek (Sat., Feb. 4, TBA)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m.)

## RHS Girls' Volleyball

### VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY

- Romulus at Taylor Trn. (JV) (Fri., Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Trn. (V) (Sat., Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Mon., Jan. 10, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Jan. 12, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson Trn. (Sat., Jan. 15, TBA)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 17, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Wed., Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus MidWinter Trn. (V) (Sat., Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 2, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus MidWinter Trn. (JV) (Sat., Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Feb. 9, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Woodhaven Trn. (JV) (Sat., Feb. 12, TBA)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Wed., Feb. 16, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson Trn. (Sat., Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Wed., Feb. 23, 6:00 p.m.)

## Concert: "Jesus, We Worship You"

The Saint City Whitehead Memorial Concert Chorale will present its second annual concert, "Jesus, We Worship You," at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Sunday, December 19, at 6 p.m. Also featured will be performances by the Saint City Youth Choir and the Whitehead Memorial Junior Choir. Brother Derrick Milan, recording artist from Peter's Rock Mass Choir, will serve as guest emcee and director.

"Under the leadership of our pastor, Elder James L. Whitehead, these choirs will worship God in song like never before," said member Shelia Charlton. "You won't want to miss this praise celebration."

Tickets (\$8 for adults; \$4 for children 12 and under) are now available for purchase.

For more information, call the Saint City Church at 734-595-0629. □



The Saint City Whitehead Memorial Concert Chorale

## Drunk-driving Enforcement Underway

The Romulus Police Department is taking part in two programs designed to reduce the number of drunk drivers during the holiday season.

One, the 14th annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) "Tie One On for Safety" initiative, is a program in which red ribbons are placed on vehicle antennas to remind motorists not to drive drunk during the holidays.

The second, "Operation Nightcap," is an enforcement effort in which patrol officers work select nights to arrest motorists who don't heed drunk-driving laws. Additional manpower costs incurred by "Nightcap" are covered by a grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

"Local police agencies recognize that the holidays can be one of the

deadliest times of the year, since festive celebrations often result in more drunk drivers on the road," stated Executive Lieutenant Eric Painter. "We think that there's a need for increased vigilance in sober driving, and MADD's red-ribbon program, in conjunction with the Nightcap enforcement follow-up, is the best of both worlds. We continue to educate those who want to listen and arrest those who don't."

"We hope that people who choose to drink will plan ahead and make provisions for a safe and sober ride home," he concluded.

*Editor's note: Anyone who would like to participate in the "Tie One On for Safety" campaign can obtain a ribbon by contacting MADD's state office at 517-631-MADD. □*

## RMS Boys' Basketball

- Belleville North at Romulus (Tue., Dec. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 9, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Tue., Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Tue., Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Thurs., Jan. 13, 3:45 p.m.)

## Answers

answers to puzzles from page 10

\* \* \*

### CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

acorns, cadaver, Sprat, poignant, malign, Teamster, fable, Lassie, Salem, Beatles, Lambs

"(Romulus Community Schools Secretary) Carole Bales"

\* \* \*

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN . . .

ergo, floe, flog, fore, frog, golf, gore, loge, lore, ogle, ogre, role, forge, ogler



# Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students whose dedication and hard work earned them a spot on their school's honor-roll and/or perfect-attendance list during the first marking period of the 1999-2000 school year.

## Barth Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Eischer

Nitisha Adams, Melissa Brewington, Leon Britton, Jr., Dezarae Courtney, Chiwale Covington-Williams, \*Tiffany Gray, Sandra Harris, Leslie Hayes, Stephanie Jensen, \*Dean Kovacs, Steven Krasinski, \*Brian Lomas, Fred Marciniak III, \*Ann Marie Martin, Alice Mattson, Ashley Pardon, Ashley Rose, John Shelly, Brittnee Shreve, Michael Wolfe.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Christopher Baker, Patrice Barden, Kerri Britz, Walter Cholette, Jr., Christa Doak, Carissa Franklin, Rusty Harris, Cordis Hayes, Orlando Hoult, Joy Jendritz, Amanda Kreutzer, Thomas Kuderik, \*Alysa Long, LaJoya Rush, \*Stephanie Spoonamore, Jodi Torres, Benjamin Tuttle, \*Jaclyn VanMeer, \*Dakota Watson, Michelle Watt, Amber Younglove.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

\*Megan Bearman, Bradley Bills, Jarran Booker, Joshua Carroll, \*Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Matthew Koster, Ronald Kreutzer, Justin Maupin, Anisa Rakic, Patricia Silvey.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Reott

Ronald Baker II, \*Ronald Carter, Jr., Benjamin DeFelice, Katrell Duncan, Bradley Garland, Dean Gilbert, Jr., Lindsay Green, Jennifer Hunter, Ashley Moss, Chrisma Nathaniel, Kristine Plank, Skyler Winter.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - I

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – I" category earned an "A" or "B" in all subjects.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Patricia Dancy, Adam Thornsby, Chelsea Tyree, Samantha Watson, Spencer Winter.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Daniel Antosik, Kyla Barker, Derek Bennett, Kayla Disney, Emily Doyle, David Forbush, Chelsea Hay, Cheyenne Oakley, Brittany Rodgers, Jessica Sylvester, Erik Washington, Mary Ann Watts.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Kourtney Hamilton, Adam Hammond, Kaleb Heil, Nicholas Miller, Amelia Pelayo, Ariel Shaifer.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Rachel Arthur, Jordan Bowden, Stacy Fabinski, Miranda Gubaci, Raymont Holt, Jr., Rebecca Lewkowicz, Leanna Pioli, Rick Schonscheck, Sean Sedgeman, Camille Sylvester, Phillip Vaghy, Devon Walker, Tricia Wanamaker.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Wood

Stephon Archie, David Brown, Megan Carmickle, Annie Cox, Adam Dunn, Grant Duprie, Brian Fowler, Gary Hemmingway, Jr., Michael Hudson, Precious Richardson, Eric Robbins, Ashley Rumley, Dominique Walker, Elijah White, Natalie Wilson.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - II

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – II" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts, reading, and math.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Jory King.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

John Collins IV, Ross Hadyniak, Katie Koester, Brandyn Martin, Alexis Moore.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Justin Kuderik, Jevon Lee.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Kristin Leigh.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IIIa

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIa" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts and reading.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Diamond Aldson, Samantha Bank-ey, Quindai Christopher, Holly Schonscheck, Rose Shelly.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Heather Doyle, Whitney Kelsey, Jeffrey Makowski.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IIIb

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIb" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts and math.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Christen Bowman, Amelia Britz, Jasmine Colquitt, Darius Green, Steven Hicks, Jr., Victoria Rak, Carrie Sawdy, Joshua Zilka.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Sheryl Davis, Sean Sedgeman.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IIIc

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIc" category earned an "A" or "B" in reading and math.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Misty Farnier, Heather Leigh, James Mattson III.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IVa

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVa" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Jesse Howe.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Christopher Hammar, Maura Harris, Alyssia McVay.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Monique Walker.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IVb

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVb" category earned an "A" or "B" in reading.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Derrick Baker, Thomas Bonner II, Aime Brown, Anthony Cofield, Shelby Green, Mariah Johnson, Alisha Novinski, Kanaya Williams.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - IVc

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVc" category earned an "A" or "B" in math.

#### Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Jesse Kennedy, Jeremy Kirtley.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Natalie Diaz, Brittney Heil, Chad Williams.

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## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 8, 1999, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Bette M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/99/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

11/99/6 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to approve the Minutes of October 25 and November 3, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

RESIGNATIONS: Kirsten A. Zarou (Fairchild), Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective September 7, 1999, and Lisa Eischer, Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective November 12, 1999.

11/99/7 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

11/99/8 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Curriculum Report – Athletics/P.E.

Ms. Stasak and Messrs. Meriweather and Baum were present to update the Board of Education on our elementary and secondary athletic programs. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

##### Electricity Purchase Contract

11/99/9 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the two-year contract attached for the purchase of electricity from the EMC/Illinova Energy Partners.

11/99/10 Moved by Webb supported by Dick to table the Electricity Purchase Contract pending additional information. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2 (Berlinn and McCraight). Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education as to their concerns relative to the operation of the School District.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) H.S. Teleconference – First Amendment; 2) State Ruling – Parent Complaint; 3) Dolan Memo – Sexual Assault Awareness; and 4) Attorneys – Close of Baron's Appeal.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

##### Executive Session – Negotiations

11/99/11 Moved by Woods supported by Webb that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:13 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:28 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

11/99/12 Moved by Dick supported by Berlinn that the Board meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



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### Cory Elementary HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

#### Third Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Christina Gillespie, Nicole Siemaszko, Kaela Torres.

#### Third Grade – Ms. Price

Cody Barnes, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, Camielle Reid, Danielle Stephens, Sam Wells.

#### Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, \*Rodney Cofield, \*Melissa DuFore, Edward Hall, Kayla Harris, \*Aaron Preson, Eric Savitskie, Ashley Wilson, Amanda Zavitz.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Lybik

Melissa Cofield, Calvin Crawford, Michael Curry, Cameron Davidson, Kassandra Gray, Rebecca Hall, Anjenette Hood, Kandace Penn, Brittany Perry, \*Jacob Pykor, Kyle Sherwood, \*Leroy Talley.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Latiesa Burnett, \*Chelsea Earby, Patrick Farkas, Cameron Jackson, Christopher McGovern, \*Marjorie Miskey, Larry Nastal, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin, Clara Windom.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Jasmine Brown, Joshua Buchau, Brian Cummings, Alecia Morgan, Kevin Riley, Darius Ross, Thomas Slatinsky, Akara Stoval, Beatrice Thornton.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Stephen Allen, Maurice Anderson, Brieana Bray, Yetunde Emmanuel, Justin Wasiak, Mariay Watt.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Nicole Carroll, Amber Cruce, \*Rashaunda Graham, Rebecca Labo, Tiffany Labo, \*Aurielle McCauley, LaJohnna Reid, Jacqueline Smith, Cherrelle Smith-Noyd, Renea Sperry, Theresa Windom.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Ryan Barnes, Lauren Belle, Elvis Celske, Sammantha Chapman, \*Doloris Garry, Alan Huguley, Jessica Moore, Brian Rodger, Arlennea Savage, Michael Stump, Antonia Walker.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

\*Ayibatari Burutolu, \*Tamara Carney, \*Carmen Coleman, \*Amanda Corder, Angelica Crawford, \*Carl Gillespie, Anthony Groce, Damien Harris, Ashley Johnson, \*Sara Johnson, Kourtney Lester, Quinton Mark, Sharise Poole, \*Anne Ross, \*Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

##### Third Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Mallory Burnette, Nicholas Curry, Eugene Dixon, Shakiyla Eady, Melissa Groce, Christopher Ramsay, Nicole Siemaszko, Loren Townes.

##### Third Grade – Ms. Price

Cody Barnes, Britnee Bishop, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, Dale Jackson, Jeremy Neal, Jordan Reavis, Monisha Richardson, Alexis Riley, Dominique Ross, Samantha Villarreal, Sam Wells.

##### Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Kayla Harris, Aaron Preson, Eric Savitskie, Ryan Schutter, Evonda Scott, Cedric Staples, James Wells, Ashley Wilson, Amanda Zavitz.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Chelsea Earby, Jeremiah Hanner, Amanda Kurzyniec, Christopher McGovern, Marjorie Miskey, Lawrence Nastal, Aaron Rollin, Ryan West.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Frank Bazan, Rachia Bohannon, Jasmine Brown, Joshua Buchau, Brian Cummings, Briana King, Tiara Moton, Ryan Samuels, Thomas Slatinsky, Kevin Sperry, Akara Stoval, Beatrice Thornton, Calicia Warren.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Sarah Berger, Courtney Chaney, Ronnie Clever, LaRhonda Colvin, Jamarie Crawford, Marissa Cronk, Yetunde Emmanuel, Cassie Hayton, Trisha Shotts, Tiffany Usher, Vanessa Villarreal, Justin Wasiak, Mariay Watt, Chad Wilkinson, Roy Wood.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Jason Burnette, Nicole Carroll, Amber Cruce, Rashaunda Graham, Aurielle McCauley, Jessica Pare, Eric Smith, Cherelle Smith-Noyd, Tina Smythe, Renea Sperry, Theresa Windom.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Chris Avery, Lauren Belle, Elvis Celske, Sammantha Chapman, Doloris Garry, Felicia Graham, Jessica Moore, Richard Reaume, Brian Rodger, Shannon Wright.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

Kimberly Adams, Alan Boiler, Chanisa Burnett, Ayibatari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, Carmen Coleman, Amanda Corder, Angelica Crawford, Jermaine Crawford, Kaia Dallas, Tyjuana Fowler, Christina Gavin, Carl Gillespie, Anthony Groce, Damien Harris, Ashley Johnson, Sara Johnson, Tina Jones, Jeffrey Kurzyniec, Kourtney Lester, Quinton Mark, Fidèle Mills, Tenija Moton, Michelle Oliver, Fienora Peachier, Whitney Poole, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Darah Simmons, George Wells, Monica Wells.

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

##### Kindergarten "A" – Ms. Cristini

Jessica Brown, Latoya Colvin, Jennifer Kennedy, Jessika Kennedy, Terrence Price, Abigail Wasiak.

#### Kindergarten "B" – Ms. Cristini

Kaley Annis, Meagan Bratcher, Denford Briscoe, Jacob Carter, Franchella Foreman, ShaVeeta Hall, Devan Hearst, Kayte Nickel, Breanna Pope, DeAndre Thompson.

#### First Grade – Ms. Barrs

Kyra Crawford, Stephon Edwards, Martin Fick, Lakisha Foreman, Brittany Francis, Alexandria Harrington, J.T. Taylor.

#### First Grade – Ms. Green

Sara Sandy, Derek Sears, Shaquille Tipton, Katie VanBuren, Jasmine White, Shane Wilkerson.

#### First Grade – Ms. Watson

Ashley Cribbs, Zachary Curry, Damon Harris, Mark Hughes, D'Vonteono King, Candace Reid.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Baluk

Chyna Bennett, Catherine Bratcher, Antonette Hemphill, Keoni Mundy, Zachary Nastal, Tabien Roberts, Emmanuel Sanders, Levyar Yharbough.

#### Second Grade – Ms. Kahler

Motunrola Emanuel, Thad Gibson, Jasmine Harris, Mercedes Hawes, Ciera Joshua, Kashmira Lennox, Norman Lightsey III, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Amber Sears, Corey Sledd, Ameenah Thomas, Amber Wood.

#### Third Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Nicholas Curry, Eugene Dixon, Abiola Emanuel, Megan Lawrence, Ondre Mathews, Christopher Ramsay, Nicole Siemaszko, Martel Smith, India Williams.

#### Third Grade – Ms. Price

Cody Barnes, Britnee Bishop, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, Ronald Kersey, Monisha Richardson, Alexis Riley, Jordan Samuels, Tyler Slone.

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## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### STUDY SESSION, NOVEMBER 9, 1999

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Bette M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Review of Bond Issue Finances

The bonds sold on November 1, 1999, with an overall effective interest rate of 5.87%. We will be closing the deal on November 22. On that date, we will receive our funds. The money will be immediately invested to produce interest income that can be spent as part of the bond issue proceeds.

The Board decided to cover its own travel costs as we explore products and services.

##### Committee Membership Review

The Board reviewed the committee volunteers. Additional members are being added from the community and the staff. The first committee meetings will be held Wednesday, November 17, 1999 (1:00 P.M. – Elementary Committee; 5:15 P.M. – Athletic Committee).

##### Scope of the Bond Issue

The first concerns are the new elementary school and the athletic field. We have tremendous time pressures to achieve completion of these projects by September 2001 and September 2000, respectively.

The Technology Committee and other construction projects will follow soon on the heels of the aforementioned projects.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

11/99/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

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### Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Felicia Martin, Jon Mundy, Aaron Preston, Chauncey Reese, Eric Savitskie, Ryan Schutter, James Wells, Amanda Zavitz.

### Fourth Grade – Ms. Lybik

Michael Carter, Melissa Cofield, Calvin Crawford, Rebecca Hall, Matthew McIntosh, Kandice Penn, Brittany Perry, Kyle Sherwood, Leroy Talley, Lorenzo Wells.

### Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Latesia Burnett, Camille Crawford, Chelsea Earby, Jeremiah Hanner, Kallie Harris, Cameron Jackson, Amanda Kurzyniec, Christopher McGovern, Evans Paillere, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin, Steven Sanders, Clara Windom, Chanelle Wooden.

### Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Jasmine Brown, Alecia Morgan, Ryan Samuels, Mantez Wooden.

### Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Stephen Allen, Maurice Anderson, Sarah Berger, Brieana Bray, Richard Camacho, Courtney Chaney, LaRhonda Colvin, Marissa Cronk, Jasmine Davis, Antonia Hearst, William Howell III, Lonnie Lawrence, Nicholas Lewis, Kirk Patterson.

### Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Nicole Carroll, Aurielle McCauley, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid, Eric Smith, Theresa Windom.

### Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Wayne Barlow, Lauren Belle, Elvis Celske, Sammantha Chapman, Tiffany Claiborne, Darrell Cofield, Doloris Garry, Anthony Glimps, Bridgette Hawes, Brian Rodger, Nathan Samuels, Arlenea Savage, Jessica Sears, Michael Stump, Antonia Walker, Miranda Ward, Teresa Williams.

### Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

Alan Boiler, Chanisa Burnett, Ayibatari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, Carmen Coleman, Damien Harris, Jeffrey Kurzyniec, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Monica Wells.

### Halecreek Elementary HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who earned high honors.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss

Chris Appel, Courtney Briggs, Candice Bruckner, Michael Gowienczyk, Jessica James, Justen Kiser, Melissa Kosikowski, \*Maureen McGlynn, Matthew Sims, Jesse Spicer.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Leucht

Kenny Blossom, Samantha Burke, Kiara Carter, Alyse Hopkins, Jennifer Kubicki, Joseph Lewis, Lauren Niernan, Sasha Poling, Gary Puhl, Josh Ray, Patrick Sutter, Shane Wells, Daryl Wilson, \*Mattea Zolkiewicz.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Slater

Jeannine Atherton, Aubrey Barns, Olivia Berry, Corey Bryant, Lester Burton, Kody McLaughlin, \*Jessica Mills, \*Kevin Stobbe.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. McAnally

\*Amanda Bailey, \*Brian Demoisey, Katie Drayton, Mario Edwards, Amber Gondek, Samina Haq, Shannon Kowalski, \*Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Ashlee Wells.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Miller

Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Jeremy Hollis, Kelsi Milan, Cory Mortzfield, Michelle Nelson, \*Brandon Ross, Britney Stephens, \*Diana Thompson.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Slater

Kathryn Appel, Bethany Brink, Riva Inman, \*Jonathan McLachlan, Kevin Stockton, Holly Wood.

### Romulus Middle School HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

#### Seventh Grade

\*Ashley Allen, Latoya Allen, Tiara Anderson, Kristen Atchley, Janee Barnes, Sarah Bauman, Ethan Bell, Shavon Bell, \*Jazmine Bennett, Chris Bishop, Stephanie Bishop, Tiffany Block, \*Brenden Boyd, \*Donald Brewer, Michael Broadnax, \*Ronnie Brown, Kelly Bunyak, Monika Burgess, Danielle Butler, \*Teela Carroll, Kevin Carter, Justin

Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Stacy Coffee, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Monica Cox, David Coyne, Joshua Crozier, Carol Deaton, James Deline, Mia Drane-Maury, Amy Ehrenberg, Lauryn Farkas, \*Jami Gibes, Ashley Glenn, Scott Golden, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Jennifer Goss, \*Steven Gratiot, Christopher Greene, Teawanna Griggs, Crystal Hahn, \*Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Brandon Heim, Melissa Hubbard, Connelly Hughes, \*Anita Johnson, Brittany Johnson, \*LaRiche Jones, Myleah Jones, Tashia Jones, Devony Kelbassa, \*Muneer Khan, Amy Kuczynski, Candace Lawrence, Stephanie Lewis, Mallori Losacco, Vanessa Malloy, Jeremy McNulty, Lisa Miller, Carolyn Moore, Leah Moore, Anjelique Moss, Antionette Nelson, Eric Noyd, Alanae Odom, Candace Parsons, Michelle Patterson, Shawn Perkins, Kijon Piggee, Andrea Redding, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Lindsay Sharp, \*Sawaira Sheikh, Jennifer Shelton, \*Jessica Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Shauntia Simon, Larita Smith, Tiffany Smith, Monique Solomon, Dwight Springer, Paulette Stanford, \*Matthew Steffani, \*Avery Stephenson, Daniel Strange, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, \*Garrett Swezene, \*Joann Tieppo, \*Jessica Trahey, Kimberly Tyra, Lance Vaughn, Miah Wade, Sarah Ward, Adrian Watson, Natalie Watt, Dante Williams, Jessica Williams, Sarah Williams, William Williams, \*Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Ryan Witherow, Jacqueline Wood, Brian Woods, Ashley Wright, Brandon Zahornacky, Janae Zimmerman, Christopher Zirkle.

#### Eighth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Berry, \*Natalie Blake, William Boddie, Kenneth Booker, Jessica Bright, Carla Broom, Joshua Brown, Ahmad Caldwell, Cassie Caldwell, Alvaro Camacho, Kristina Camilleri, Theresa Chadwick, Jerry Collier, Ronny Cornelius, Elliot Craig, Rhianon Crawford, Felicia Dailey, James Davis, Christifer Debus, Joshua DeLeon, Janessa Deshazor, Jessica Deverich,

Thomas Drayton, Carissa Drobil, Tanya Formosa, \*Jessica Frost, Randall Frye, Jason Gibes, \*Toni Gibson, Stacey Gilbert, \*Sabrina Gomes, Joseph Goroni, Christian Hadden, Alicia Harbor, Terry Harper, Novella Haugabook, Danielle Handricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Sabrina Hool, Constance Kersey, Shaenna Kettlewell, Aaron King, Jerad Kiser, April Kovacs, Kevin Kucharski, Brittni Lansbury, Lisa LeBlanc, Sherelle Levi, \*Timothy Lewis, \*Sarah Lindroth, Stephen Lopez, Michael Mancine, Patrick McCollum, Nichole Miller, Patrick Miller, Matthew Mortzfield, Natasha Murray, Sage Nicolo, Krystal Oliver, Hanya Ombima, Rebecca Oros, \*LaJoya Orr, Nereida Pena, \*Kristina Rafalski, Tiffney Ramsay, Lynsie Ransaw, Kristi Rice, David Rogala, Heather Saval, \*Britany Sawdy, \*Sara Schulz, Alicia Sims, Christopher Speer, Ricky Staten, \*Ryan Tackett, Iesha Taylor, Jon Taylor, Shekiyah Taylor, Rebecca Thornton, Isaiah Warren, Kyle Wasson, Cherie Whorton, Henry Wiggins, DeRhonda Williams, Kendra Williams, Reese Williams, Tenisha Williams, Kiera Wilson, Marissa Wilson, Jeremiah Yeager, Kevin Zajac.

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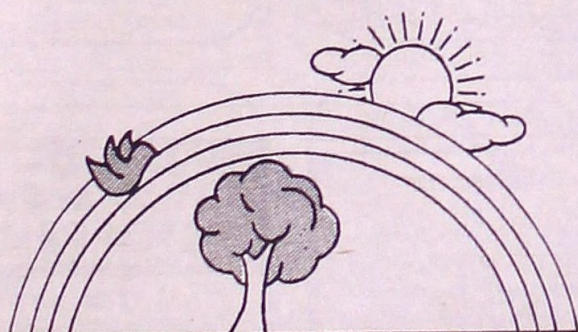
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors who were born in the month of December: Ruth Bierl, Leona Dudley, Edith Godwin, Julia Horton, Wanda Kazulewski, Ella Lasseter, Lois Liske, Roy Livingston, Elizabeth Mack, Lucretia Maze, Grace Nehra, Genora Shelby, Alice Simmons, Ethel Sumner, and Bernice Zeborowski.

### Club #1 Welcomes You!

Club #1, which meets at the Romulus Senior Center at 11 a.m. each Tuesday, is always happy to see new faces. This month's programs are set for December 7 (lunch served, birthday celebration, and games) and December 14 (meeting, bag lunch, and games). Due to the holidays, no meetings will be held December 21 or December 28.

### Preventing Elder Abuse

"Citizens for Better Care" will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, to offer helpful information on preventing abuse of the elderly.

"Abuse comes in many forms, and some types, such as neglect, aren't as easily detected as the type that leaves its victims with bruises or broken bones," said the Center's Linda Norman. "This program will teach people how to detect abuse and what they can do about it when it occurs."

Norman urges everyone to attend the program, even if they are not currently acquainted with someone who could be a victim.

"At some point in our lives, many of us will have contact with an abused senior citizen," she explained. "Becoming better informed today will prepare us to prevent the troubles of tomorrow."

### Holiday Gala

The Center's annual Holiday Gala will be held at DoubleTree Hotel on Monday, December 27, beginning at noon; dinner will follow at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon of fabulous food, great entertainment, prizes, and fun is an affordable \$7 per person, thanks to the generous sponsorship of DoubleTree and U.S. Park.

Due to limited space, the Center recommends registering well before the December 17 deadline.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant** (January 26; \$9);
- **Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant** (February 22; \$21);
- **Golden Southwest Tour** (November 11–25, 2000; \$879; \$100 deposit must be made as soon as possible); and
- **Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant** (March 28; \$9).

### Holiday Shopping

For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens can ride the Center's van for shopping at Southland Mall/Target in Taylor (Friday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m.) or at the Meijer store in Canton (Friday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m.). Since space is limited, seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

### Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

### Monitor Your Blood Pressure

Romulus resident Rachael O'Neil, R.N., will be at the Senior Center from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, to perform free blood-pressure checks on local seniors. No appointment is necessary. □

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